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According to a substantial report received, there is in Tanganyika Territory a considerable deposit of orthite, which carries unusually high values in hafnium. One sample has been stated to assay 8% hafnium.

This deposit of orthite lies in a region which until recently has been almost inaccessible, but improvements in communications have now brought it within reasonable reach of railhead. The extent of the deposit is unknown, as at the time when it was prospected there seemed to be no interest in this metal: it appears to be very extensive and could be cheaply mined.

It is understood that further information may be obtained from the Office of the Mining Consultant, Department of Mines, Dar Es Salaam, Tanganyika.

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